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February 5, 2018

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: *Ex Parte* Communication: WC Docket No. 10-90**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 1, 2018, the undersigned of ITTA spoke by phone with Jamie Susskind of the Office of Commissioner Carr regarding the order on circulation to promote more high-speed broadband deployment in rural areas.<sup>1</sup> In our discussion, I reiterated the need for additional funding for model-based rural broadband deployment at \$200/month per location. I also expressed support for additional funding for legacy-based rate-of-return carriers to alleviate the effects of the budget control mechanism.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Michael J. Jacobs  
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs

cc: Jamie Susskind

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<sup>1</sup> Press Release, FCC, Chairman Pai Proposes Over \$500 Million in Funding to Promote Rural Broadband Deployment (Jan. 16, 2018), [https://transition.fcc.gov/Daily\\_Releases/Daily\\_Business/2018/db0116/DOC-348723A1.pdf](https://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2018/db0116/DOC-348723A1.pdf).